A Half-ripe Fruit

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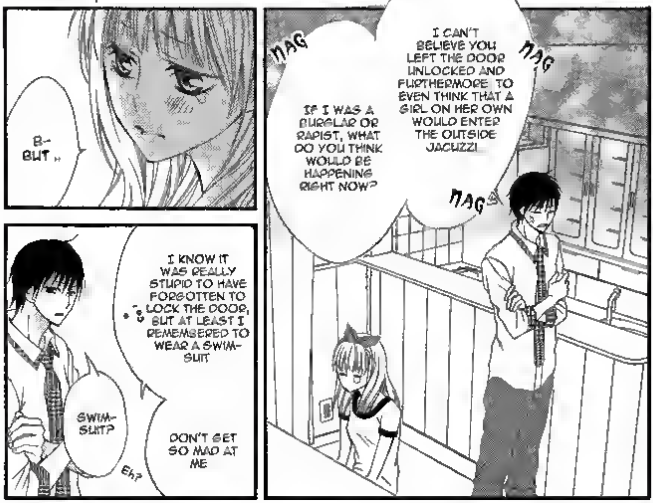
MEEN
MEEN
MEEN
Every year, my family goes on a trip for summer vacation.
We usually rent a villa near Mount Fuji.
I've had the place to myself since yesterday.
bubble
bubble
AHH— NOW THIS IS PARADISE—
Kouyou Yoko
Kouyou Yoko

CREEEAK
MOM AND DAD ARE GOING TO BE LATE BECAUSE OF WORK,
I'M FREE AT LAST~ ♡
AND THAT NAGGY NAO IS AT CRAM SCHOOL, SO HE'S NOT COMING
I GUESS I'LL HAVE ONE MORE CRACKER ♡
RUSTLE RUSTLE
CLATTER

NEE-SAN
—MY BAD FOR BEING SO "NAGGY."
NAO
JEEZ—
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU


B-
BUT...
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LEFT THE DOOR UNLOCKED AND FUTHERMORE TO EVEN THINK THAT A GIRL ON HER OWN WOULD ENTER THE OUTSIDE JACUZZI
NAG
NAG
NAG
IF I WAS A BURGLAR OR RAPIST, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?
I KNOW IT WAS REALLY STUPID TO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO LOCK THE DOOR, BUT AT LEAST I REMEMBERED TO WEAR A SWIM-SUIT
DON'T GET SO MAD AT ME
SWIM-SUIT?
EH?

STRAIGHT-FORWARD
TO A GUY, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME AS BEING NAKED
EH!?
NA-

Last year, dad re-married.
Well...
Well!
THAT'S NORMAL!
NEE-SAN, YOU'RE PRETTY UNRELIABLE FOR A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHO-MORE
My new mom brought over a son from her previous marriage, who is Nao
He's always nagging at me...
SAYING I'M STUPID AND WHATNOT
GLOOM...
HUMP
WELL, LET'S HAVE A GOOD DAY TOGETHER
JEEZ, I'M GLAD I CAME AFTER ALL
Ewwww!
NAO, YOU CLOSET PER-VERT!!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU NAKED EVEN IF I WAS FORCED TO!
THEY'RE GOING TO BE EVEN LONGER AT WORK. HE SAID BY THE TIME THEY GET HERE, IT'LL BE LATE AT NIGHT
DAD TOLD ME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU.

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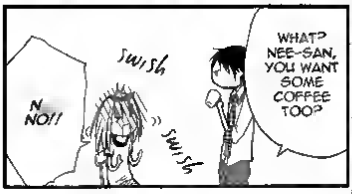

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THIS HAS AN UP-SIDE TOO
Wan Wan Bark!
Welcome
RITTLE
IF YOUR LECTURE IS OVER, I'M GONNA GO CHANGE.
SINCE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY, WE SHOULD HAVE SOME FUN
CULITE! THEY'RE RENTAL DOGS I THINK
NAO, WHICH ONE DO YOU LIKE?
HM
FLOPPY
THIS GUY
HE LOOKS LIKE YOU, NEE-SAN
A bit stupid-looking
part part
Play!
OH, REALLY?

AH!
THAT ONE LOOKS LIKE NAO
HMM?
...EXACTLY WHICH PART?
LILIAHA, WELL HIS WAGGING AND SMELLINESS?
IS SMELLINESS?
NAO... I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT'VE LIKED THIS PLACE BEACUSE YOU LIKE DOGS
Heh heh
...YEAH,
I REALLY LOVE IT
lick
lick

THUMP
squeeze
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I VE EVER SEEN HIS FACE LIKE THIS
I WANT HIM TO MAKE THAT FACE TO ME TOO
POT
scratch
scratch
WOOF, WOOF
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

GLOOM
He called me stupid. I'm a bit slow, but the way he said "idiot" was mean
WELL,
DINKY
I GUESS AT LEAST YOU'RE AS CUTE AS THIS DOG
pat pat

LET ME HAVE THAT.
I was supposed to be enjoying this morning by myself-but...
HEAVY
...this is really fun too.
WHAT'S IN HERE?
OH YOU KNOW, BENTO & COMPLETE SET OF MAKE UP...
Nao's nicer than usual...
AH, THIS LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE PUPPY FROM EARLIER!
blink
WHOA,
IT EVEN FEELS LIKE IT
IF YOU LIKE THIS, I'LL BUY THIS LITTLE SWEETY FOR YOU!

WHY IS NAO ANGRY?
I THOUGHT HE WOULD FINALLY ACCEPT SOMETHING FROM ME
ANGRY
I DON'T NEED SUCH A THING
WHEN I HAVE STUPID NEESAN RIGHT?
HUH...
Even though
I've been Nao's family for over a year...
I never know...
...what's on his mind...
rumble rumble
Whoa

WHAT'S THIS WHITE FLOWER?
THAT'S A GARDENIA.
THERE WERE SOME AT OUR HOUSE A WHILE AGO
HMM.
Chuu
Thump
—UH—
EX-CUSE ME.
COULD YOU TAKE A PICTURE FOR US?
SURE THING
Cheese!
OH
NOT A PICTURE OF US THOUGH...
EH?
FLASH
FLASH

THAT'S AMAZING
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I WAS ALSO SURPRISED BY HOW CUTE YOU WERE
A cute guy's picture success!
Thank you so much!
DOES THIS HAPPEN OFTEN?
...NAO, ARE YOU USED TO IT?
OCCA-SIONA-LLY
WHY DO YOU GET ALL ANGRY WHEN I SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!?
IF YOU'RE MAD AT ME, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WITH WORDS!
annoyed
Cold shoulder
...That's enough...
IGNORING ME AGAIN...

HUH?
IF YOU DO THE DOG ACT YOU DID EARLIER,
I'LL TELL YOU WHY I'M ALL GRUMPY.
...ACT LIKE A DOG.
THAT BECAUSE I'M— STUPID!
SO I WON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IF YOU DON'T TELL ME...!
Play with me!
WOOF, WOOF!
PAW
PAW
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

NAO...
NEE-SAN,
YOU KNOW, I
DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE A KID OR BE CALLED "CUTE" BY YOU
I KNOW YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME BUT,
I'M A GUY AFTER ALL

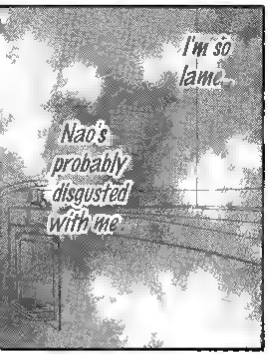
BLUSH
THE ONE THAT'S CUTE IS YOU, NEE-SAN
...thought of me in such a way...
Nao...
ZAAAAAA
I had no idea.

FLASH!
HMM
THE WEATHER FORECAST SAID THE SKIES WERE GOING TO BE CLEAR TODAY BUT,
IT'S DEFINITELY POURING.
OH! I GOT A TEXT FROM MOM.
!
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
"...I'M DONE AT WORK BUT,"
"I CAN'T USE THE CAR IN THIS STORM."
BYLLU
SHE WON'T MAKE IT HERE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING...
THUMP
But that means...
...it'll be just the two of us tonight...

...NEE-SAN,
HURRY AND OPEN THE DOOR.
...NEE-SAN?
Nao... seems totally fine.
Am I the only one aware of our situation...?
...JEEZ,
DRIP

I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN FORCING WOMEN AGAINST THEIR WILL. SO, CALM DOWN.
I MIGHT BE A CLOSET PERVERT BUT,
FO-...
FORCE...
push
WHATEVER, JUST HURRY AND OPEN THE DOOR.
I didn't want to hear something like that from you!
click
.....

UM...
THE LIGHTS...
gently
thump thump
lock
SLAM
THU
MP
!
light
.....



My heart was racing.

I want to know more about Nao.
Him being my brother, that makes it kind of weird, huh...
THE BATH'S READY FOR YOU.
NEE-SAN,
!!!
WHY ARE YOU WEARING MY T-SHIRT?
OH, THIS?
MOM SAID THAT SINCE YOU DON'T WEAR THESE CLOTHES ANYMORE, IT'S A WASTE SO I TOOK THEM
SHOULD I NOT HAVE?
UHH, YEAH.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE

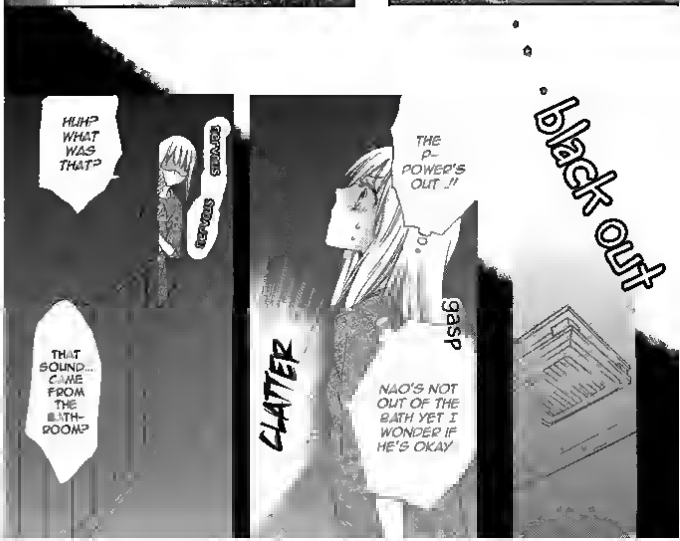
?
STARE...
NO... IT'S NOTHING
I'M GOING TO TAKE A BATH
SIGH
THUMP
THUMP
TO THINK THAT HIS CLOTHES WERE THIS BIG...
hu ge

Shake
Shake
THE STORM... IS STARTING TO SOUND MORE AND MORE VIOLENT
SCARY

FLASH

BOOM

When I wear Nao's clothes, my heart races.
I wonder if he knows...?
WHOOSH


black out
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
BANG
BANG
THAT SOUND... CAME FROM THE BATHROOM?
THE P-POWER'S OUT..!!
gasp
CLATTER
NAO'S NOT OUT OF THE BATH YET I WONDER IF HE'S OKAY

knock
knock
NAO, ARE YOU OKAY?
I JUST HEARD SOME LOUD NOISE FROM HERE...
.....
I WAS STARTLED BY THE POWER OUTAGE AND SLIPPED
I ENDED UP TWISTING MY WRIST
IT'S YOUR DOMINANT HAND, HUH?
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE
MY LEFT HAND'S OKAY, SO...

WELL... SINCE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE OF THE POWER OUTAGE, I GUESS I'LL GO SLEEP.
PUNCH
AH...
WITH YOUR HAND LIKE THAT, WON'T IT BE HARD TO LAY OUT A FUTON?
I'LL USE THE FUTON, SO WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP ON MY BED?
I wonder why...
AHH THAT WOULD BE GREAT
...I'm disappointed that we're separating.
At this rate, we'll really be sleeping separately.
That's right...
WELL, GOOD-NIGHT NEE-SAN.
YEAH, GOOD NIGHT.

...Huh?
...Na-
Nao...
Our special "alone time" day is ending...
WHAT IS IT?
I said his name without thinking...
UHM...
thump
thump
thump
What should I do?
This is too...
thump

THUMP
.....
ARE YOU INVITING ME?
.....
I..?
BLUSH
JOLT
...am inviting Nao...
SURE, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM
I CAN ONLY USE MY LEFT HAND
I WONDER IF I CAN USE IT WELL

Nao's body... is so warm.
This citrus smells so good...
THUMP
Am I really... going to do it?
THUMP
With my own brother...
THUMP
wah
I'LL DO IT WITH YOU...
This feeling...
NAO

I want to... do it with you.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
PLEASE TEACH ME SO I CAN DO IT RIGHT
IT'S MY FIRST TIME, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT WELL.
YOUR RIGHT HAND HURTS, RIGHT?
NEE-SAN
!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...BUT, YOU'RE TREMBLING LIKE CRAZY.
IT'S MY GOD-GIVEN TASK TO SMILE FOR YOU, RUN!
I'M... YOUR NEE-SAN, SO...
I'LL BE TOTALLY FINE!
UM... THIS IS JUST EXCITE-MENT!
QUICK!

I LOVE YOU.
PFF
OH RIGHT! YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN I TREAT YOU LIKE A KID
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
NEE-SAN, YOU'RE SO PREDICTA-BLE
REALLY
blush
Eh...
BUT EVER SINCE I MET NEE-SAN, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU
YOU'RE SO DEFENSELESS AND GET FLUSTERED SO EASILY,
I USED TO HATE GIRLS LIKE THAT
RIGHT NOW, I THINK YOU'RE CUTE, EVEN YOUR STUPID PARTS

I'M ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT YOU, ALL DAY, NEE-SAN
NAO...
...that my thoughts...
I hadn't even noticed...

CALL ME "SWEETY."
NEE-SAN
I LOVE YOU.
...had become filled with Nao.
thump
thump
SWEETY,
SWEETY

I LOVE YOU.
Ding do-ng
Ding do-ng...
HUH? THIS IS WEIRD
ARE THEY SLEEPING?
Ding do-ng Ding do-ng...